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USADB

FOR NAC AGENCIES

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, PP

SUBJECT: HIGHLANDS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

REF: (A) TREASURY 77-183, (B) MANILA 18833, (C) PORT

MORESBY 1740, (D) PORT MORESBY 1789, (E) MANILA 19253,

(F) MANILA 19552

1. ON DECEMBER 13 ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED \$15.0 MILLION ORDINARY CAPITAL LOAN FOR HIGHLANDS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG). PRESS RELEASE WILL BE POUCHED.

2. WHILE SUPPORTING LOAN AS HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT WITH CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC WELFARE BENEFITS, U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTED DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM EXCEPTION BEING MADE TO NORMAL PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB). HE REFERRED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF WHO HAD GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT FOREIGN FIRMS WOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM REGISTERING AS DOMESTIC CONTRACTOR FOR POSSIBLE TECHNICAL REASONS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BANK WOULD LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT ANY FUTURE REQUEST OF PNG TO PROVIDE EXCEPTION TO ICB, PARTICULARLY FOR PROJECTS OF SIMILAR SIZE WHICH NORMALLY SHOULD BE

PLACED ON ICB BASIS.

3. STAFF RESPONDED ALONG LINES INDICATED IN REFTEL F.
THEY ALSO STATED THAT REVIEW OF DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT
PROCEDURES IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND THAT PAPER ON
THIS SUBJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE CIRCULATED TO BOARD OF
DIRECTORS SHORTLY.
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